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MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JUNE 18, 1904.

By the County Committee last Saturday by a vote of 56 to 44 decided to retain Rule 19, which prohibits certain county officials from being candidates to succeed themselves. This is a remarkable close vote, and the majority was made up of two classes, those who are honest in their opinion that the rule is a good one and those who are opposed to the candidacy of a certain official. The insincerity of the latter was shown in the proposition offered to abolish this rule after January 1st, 1905. The effect of this would be to shut out of the canvass this year, the present Clerk of the Peace and Prothonotary, but the great majority of the committee refused to seriously consider the idea. If the rule is a good one for this campaign, it is a good one for the next, and for all time.

Of course, we do not believe now, as we did not believe before the action of the County Committee that the rule is a good one. The reasons have been stated before and as the decision of last Saturday is binding probably for this and the next campaign, no good can come of discussing the matter.

### UNION REPUBLICANS WIN

As was expected, the National Committee has decided to place on the temporary roll of the Convention the Union Republican delegates. While this looks like an Addick's victory, it is not conclusive. The National Committee is made up of men selected by the National Convention of 1900, which seated the Union Republicans after a compromise had been rejected, and Mr. Addick is a member and has been for four years. These gentlemen are undoubtedly influenced in their decision by the action of the last convention and by the fact that that action technically made the Union Republicans the regular delegates. The contest now goes to the Credentials Committee of the Convention, where the real fight will be made.

### THE SLAUGHTER OF THE INNOCENTS

"The appalling disasters of a century are all outdone by Wednesday's terrible tale of the innocent dead, slain in childhood by the most awful of ends. If the sad, somber and sorrow-stricken record is thick with splendid examples of heroic courage, this cannot make us forget that these lines are lost, these children slaughtered, this five hundred Rachels left mourning for children that will not return, not because such accidents are inevitable—they happen nowhere else on this scale in civilized lands—but because of our national habit of reckless disregard of life and our lax national indifference to the legal safeguards and honest inspection which can and would make life safe.

### THE LAUNCH OF THE INNOCENTS

"Federal law is responsible for the safety of men, woman and children at sea or afloat on tide-water and Federal law is disgracefully inadequate. "This is the cause and reason of the pitiable and terrible slaughter of the innocents on the harbor excursion steamer General Slocum Wednesday. Steamboat inspection is fairly efficient. It has improved. It is better than it once was. In the safety of boilers and the efficiency and condition of engines the statutes require more than they once did. Whether the inspectors who have discretion in reducing the lifeboats carried exercised this discretion to leave this excursion steamer with too few remains to be known.

### But the risks of fire on excursion boats are left practically unguarded. In the eye of the law the excursion boat is a passenger steamer. Boats and a fire drill are required fairly adequate for a steamer with a permanent crew. These excursion boats have no such crew. They have only "hands," hired by the month, ignorant, untaught, without drill, discipline organization.

### "When fire comes the boat is helpless. Captain and engineer will do their duty, as in this case. They display a heroism which calls for unstinted admiration. But lives are saved not by individual heroism, but by steady,

efficient discipline, which prevents fires or quenches them at their start. This does not exist. The men have not been trained. They do not know their fire stations. Nothing is done and nothing can be done but head for shore.

"For lack of discipline the boats were not lowered. For lack of discipline the fire apparatus was not sufficiently lowered. For lack of honest inspection the life preservers were rotten. None concerned were worse than their fellows. Disciplined and held in permanent place and training and the crew which dissolved in panic would have stood to its work and done its duty to a man. With rigorous and adequate inspection and laws requiring enough boats or fireproof excursion steamers, the owners would have done their duty by their passengers. All men will be as good as the law and public pressure require no better.

"If a disaster like this swept the owners with damages it would not come, but an ancient and iniquitous principle limits damages to the value of the vessel. In ocean traffic there was once some excuse for this when boats were all owned individually. Even in ocean traffic this is true no longer. In harbor traffic no excuse exists for this limit to punitive damages. "Yet at every attempt to alter the law the friends of ship owners in Congress interfere to prevent a change. The owners of harbor excursion boats are safe from any loss above the value of the vessel and this pays for itself in a few years. The law imposes no adequate precautions against fire, requires no trained crew and leaves fire drills as they would be for a permanent crew on a long voyage.

"The awful result is tragedies like that of Wednesday—all preventable. Certain under our present statutory requirements and inspection, but surely prevented by adequate laws."—Phila. Press.

### ODESSA

Mr. I. Greenland, of Aberdeen, Md., is in town this week. Mr. Cyrus P. Keen was a Wilmington visitor last Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. O. B. George, of Camden, N. J., is the guest of Mr. A. E. Appleton. Miss Louise N. Corbit is spending some time with friends in Plainfield, N. J. Mrs. Theodore Long spent a few days with her son in Wilmington this week. Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Cleaver were Wilmington visitors Tuesday and Wednesday. Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Hallett were guests of friends at Barclay, Md., this week. Miss Viola Cleaver was the guest of Miss Hattie George, near McDonough, last Sunday.

Miss Helen Brady, of Middletown, spent this week with her sister, Mrs. F. B. Watkins.

Miss Rachel Whitlock, of Greenville, is visiting her cousin, Miss Catharine Whitlock, near town.

Mr. Leonard Rhodes, wife and two sons spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Rhodes.

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Tucker entertained their son, Mr. Richard Tucker, wife and daughter last Sunday.

Mrs. Harry Lightcap had as her guest part of last week, Mrs. Charles Dickerson and Miss Ada Roberts, of Middletown.

On next Wednesday evening all members of the P. O. S. of A. Washington Camp, No. 11, are requested to be present as there will be an election of officers.

The Red Men of this town will attend the morning services to-morrow at St. Paul's M. E. Church in a body. Rev. J. M. Arters will preach a special sermon to them.

On Tuesday evening a jolly crowd, consisting of about eighteen young people of this town went for a strawride. They visited the neighboring towns giving them plenty of music with sleigh bells and fish horns. They returned in the wee small hours after a very pleasant ride, and all are ready to go again at the first opportunity.

The "Tuesday Evening Club" held their closing meeting last week at the home of the President, Mrs. J. C. Corbit, at which about 75 were present. A drama "The Burglar's Alarm" was given by members of the club. Music both instrumental and vocal was indulged in. After a very interesting program a reception was given by the members of the club.

Children's Day in the M. E. Church last Sunday proved to be a complete success, the illustrated sermon in the morning preached by the Rev. J. M. Arters to the children was very entertaining and much enjoyed by the older people as well as the children. The Sunday School had charge of the program in the evening which was well rendered. Too much praise cannot be given to those who took part, and their leader Mr. Joseph G. Brown.

### Mrs. Botkin Fighting For Liberty

Mrs. Cordelia Botkin, of San Francisco, appears to have unlimited financial resources. After fighting her conviction for murder for five years, she was again convicted. Yet she is to continue her fight, and in August a motion for a new trial will be argued. She has spent 5 years or more in jail, yet she appears to have the faculty of securing assistance from some outside quarter.

### One Fare For The Round Trip

Account Republican National Convention, at Chicago, Ill., June 21-24, the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company will place on sale Excursion Tickets to that point on June 16 to 20, inclusive, good returning until June 29, 1904, inclusive. Call on Ticket Agents for full information.

### ST. GEORGES

Joseph Jones and wife were in Wilmington Monday.

Mrs. J. C. McCoy was a Philadelphia visitor on Monday.

The public schools closed on Wednesday for the summer.

Mrs. A. N. Sutton and son visited Wilmington on Monday.

H. C. Gray and wife were visitors in Red Lion on Sunday.

Miss Harriet Carrow is visiting friends in Kennedysville, Md.

Miss Harriett Roberts is spending a week in Delaware City.

Miss Sara Milligan is home from Union for her summer vacation.

William Aspril and wife spent Sunday with relatives at Red Lion.

Miss Annie Jones, of Philadelphia, is visiting some friends near town.

Frank Hill, of Hockessin, was entertained by relatives here on Sunday.

C. M. Riley spent Sunday with James Clark and family near Delaware City.

Mrs. J. T. White and daughter, Miss Effie, were in Wilmington Wednesday.

Mrs. Margaret Jackson is paying a visit to her daughter, Mrs. G. T. Hill and family.

William R. Pendington, of Goshen, N. J., spent Sunday with William Price and family.

Miss Anna Stewart has returned from a very enjoyable visit with Philadelphia relatives.

Mrs. George Hill and daughter Margaret are paying a visit to relatives near Hockessin.

Howard Shaw, wife and child, of Germantown, Pa., spent Sunday with M. J. Gray and wife.

Miss Mabel Jones, of Mt. Cuba, was an over Sunday visitor with her mother, Mrs. Elida Jones.

Mrs. John Vincent and son are spending a couple of weeks with her sister in Swedesboro, N. J.

Mrs. Joseph Heisel left on Thursday for a week's visit with her son Herbert, in Blainstown, N. J.

Edward Sparks, son and daughter, of Middletown, were entertained by relatives here on Sunday.

Frederick G. Sutton and wife, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his brother, A. N. Sutton and family.

Mrs. H. T. Hopkins and sons have gone for a stay of several weeks with relatives at Smyrna Landing.

Mrs. Rachel Hudson was called to New Castle this week on account of the death of her niece, Mrs. J. H. Stewart.

Mrs. Charles Rommel and daughter, of Baltimore, Md., are paying a visit to her parents, Rev. Dr. J. B. Milligan.

William L. Sparks and wife, of Wilmington, have been guests of John Moore and family part of this week.

The weekly prayer meeting of the Presbyterian Church was held in the C. C. club house on Friday evening.

Miss Bessie Webb has returned to her home in Kennedysville after a visit of several weeks with friends near town.

John Lester and family on Sunday entertained her nieces, the Misses Nelson, of Dutch Neck, and her parents, J. B. Nelson and wife.

Charles Wise who has been a resident of our town for sometime was called to Springfield, Ill., this week by the serious illness of his father.

Mrs. Mary Garman has returned from a visit to relatives in Philadelphia where she attended the wedding of her niece, Miss Letticia Sweeney.

Mrs. Amanda Townsend who has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. John Moore for several weeks, returned home near Middletown on Sunday.

Howard Othecor and wife, of Philadelphia, and Samuel Riley and wife, of Baltimore, Md., were entertained by Edgar Carrow and family Wednesday.

Miss Elmer McCoy has returned from Bethlehem, Pa., where she has been attending school and will spend her vacation with her parents near town.

The strawberry festival held by the ladies of the M. E. Church closed on Wednesday evening. Twenty-nine dollars was realized above expenses.

Miss Kirtpatrick and Misses Cann and Riday, of Philadelphia, were guests of H. C. Gray and wife part of last week and enjoyed the fine fishing in the canal.

The Bible readers will meet at the home of William Roberts on Monday evening. These meetings are very entertaining and a cordial welcome is extended to all who enjoy Bible study.

Until further notice the Presbyterian Church services will be held in Odd Fellows' Hall which has been kindly offered to them by the Order until the church which is being renovated is finished.

H. C. Buckson and family have entertained during the past week Mr. and Mrs. C. Volting, Mrs. Carlett, of Wilmington; Mrs. Maggie Webb, of Kennedysville; Mrs. Jennie Webb, of Locust Grove and Samuel Haman, of Dutch Neck.

By the invitation of Industry Lodge, of Bear Station, thirty members of National Lodge, No. 32, I. O. O. F. attended services held in Red Lion M. E. Church on Sunday morning and listened to a very able sermon by the pastor, Rev. F. E. McKinney.

A number of our townspeople attended the funeral of Mrs. J. Harry Stewart formerly Miss Mollie Riley of this town, which took place at her home in New Castle on Wednesday with interment at Asbury Cemetery a few miles below here. Her death is very sad, owing to the fact that she leaves a husband and eight children, the eldest being nineteen years of age.

Children's Day was observed in both our churches on Sunday, and excellent programs rendered at both. The baptism of four children at the morning service of the M. E. Church was an important feature, and in the evening the exercises were most interesting. The children did great credit to themselves in their speaking, and the singing was very good. Mrs. Edgar Swan presided at the organ. At the Presbyterian Church the exercises were none the less interesting. Assistant Superintendent J. W. Carrow, Jr., had charge of the programme and is the right man in the right place on an occasion of that kind. All did their parts well, which consisted of exercises, speeches, solos and singing by the choir and school. The presentation of Bibles to each one who collected a dollar was made by Superintendent T. F. Clark, who made a beautiful address to the recipients who were as follows: Little Misses Ursula Vincent, Adeline McCoy, Elizabeth Clark, Masters Newlin Buckson, James McCoy, Raymond Carrow and Misses Alice Dasher, Marion Hill, Ella Vincent, Violet Gray and Myrtle Swartz. The solo by little Miss Adeline McCoy was very sweetly rendered. The collection for the day was very good.

### SASSAFRAS

Mr. N. Davis, of near Cecilton, visited Sassafra Wednesday.

Mr. Alexander T. Laws visited Chestertown relatives last week.

William Stradley, of Delaware City, visited his family here Sunday.

Mrs. Thornley and daughter, Mrs. Sidham, were in in Galena Wednesday.

Mr. Benjamin Boyles, of near Middletown, visited his many friends here Wednesday.

Miss Myrtle Templeman, of Cecilton, is visiting Miss Alice Dreka at "Water Ledge."

We are pleased to learn of the improvement of County Commissioner William B. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. H. Price, of near Warwick, visited Mr. and Mrs. William B. Davis Wednesday.

Miss Edith Mitchell and Mr. Murry, of Philadelphia, are being entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Louis P. Atwell.

Mrs. H. Crawford accompanied by Mrs. M. Perkins, of Philadelphia, were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. J. Calhoun on Wednesday.

### COLLEGE TO ASK APPROPRIATION

NEWARK, DEL., June 16th.—The meeting which followed graduating exercises yesterday was well attended and unusual interest was manifested. The meeting was called to order by L. E. Bush. Prizes were offered by members in behalf of the association for all records broken at the annual athletic meet in June.

A committee was appointed to confer with the trustees of the college and the Governor of the State, for the purpose of securing an annual appropriation for the college. It was the sense of the meeting that each member of the association use every effort to assist the college in various ways. The association will make strong efforts to secure money to build a suitable structure for a gymnasium. This has been a real drawback for a long time and has kept down the athletic spirit at Old Delaware.

### Low Rates Coach Excursions to St. Louis

World's Fair Every Thursday via Baltimore and Ohio Railroad

Only \$17.00 round trip. Tickets good going in day coaches only, limited to return ten days, including date of sale. Train will leave Wilmington at 1.11 p. m., June 9, 16, 23, and 30. Tickets on sale at ticket offices.

### MY EYE IS MY SPECIALTY

I have every known facility for correctly examining and fitting them with proper glasses; there are no unpleasant ordeals in my examination. I have my own special method which enables me to give you the best eye examination possible to be obtained.

E. I. ALPER, Eye Specialist,

Will be first and last Saturdays of each month at my Middletown office on East Main St. Hours 8:30 A. M. to 9 P. M. Examination and advice FREE.

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Popular Corner Store.

### Ladies' Shirt Waists . . .

Of White Lawn, well made, beautifully trimmed, prices 50c, 75c, 85c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

### Children's Oxfords and Shoes

The well-known Koneder make, regularly sold at 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25, we sell them at 60c, 85c and 95c.

### Men's Summer Clothing . . .

We have a larger line of Men's Summer Clothing this season than ever. Neat stripes and plaids and every suit all wool.

Men's Suits at \$4.00. Men's Suits at \$7.50. Men's Suits at 5.00. Men's Suits at 9.00.

### BURSTAN'S CORNER STORE,

Cor. Broad and Main Sts., Middletown, Del.

### Summer Weight

Black Cheviots

\$8.50—\$20

Long wear and dressy appearance combine in the ever popular Black Cheviots. We have secured an especially fine weave, which ensures summer comfort. Half-lined and well finished.

### Mixed Pattern Suits

Excellent for everyday wear, and stylish enough for Sunday. There is a great variety of patterns—so many, in fact, that you're bound to be suited.

### Fancy Worsteds Suits

\$12—\$20

Here is where American skill and originality shows. This array is unequalled—fine enough for the richest to wear and low enough in price to suit any pocketbook.

If you want clothes you can depend on—clothes you are proud of—clothes you are comfortable in and hate to discard—the Oak Hall summer styles give you the opportunity.

### CARFARE TO PHILADELPHIA

If you purchase a certain amount here and show your return ticket, we pay your carfare both ways.

### Wanamaker & Brown

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Men's Boys' and Youths' Clothing, Shoes, Hats,

The Latest Styles and at Prices in the reach of all.

Men's Outing Suits, \$7.75.

Here's the ideal suit for those trips or for vacation wear—and for business wear, too, for that matter—at a price that will certainly prove a bargain revelation to every man that comes to our store. These are not the ordinary factory-made two-piece suits, made cheaply and sold at a low price, but high-class suits with an exclusive style cut and a fashion swing to them that any tailor would be proud of.

Men's Blue Serge Suits, \$10.

You know as well as anybody that Blue Serge suits are the popular apparel for Summer wear. You must have at least one. We want to impress upon you that these are not the ordinary kind, but suits that sell regularly at \$15—very best workmanship—perfect fitting—single or double breasted—trousers have loops—special at \$10.00.

\$14 Suits in newest Worsteds, Cheviots and Cassimeres.

All hand-made and finished by the best journey-men tailors, reflecting the highest type of skilled workmanship, suits that sell regularly for \$20, at \$14.

Men's fine Black Suits at \$8.25.

There is a good quality black diagonal worsted in these suits. The sack coats are cut in the four-button single breasted style; permanent fronts; broad manly shoulders. You couldn't duplicate these suits anywhere for \$8.25.

Boys' Double-breasted Suits \$3.50.

Of Serge in navy blue. The coats are in the three-button double-breasted style; lined with Italian cloth. Pants are full lined and have patent waist bands. Sizes range from 7 to 15 years. A very good suit for \$3.50.

Young Men's Stylish Suits \$7.50.

These suits are for young men 14 and 19 years—youths who have a taste for dress, like to be in the fashion, like to wear clothes that are out of the ordinary. These suits will please them—bound to. They are made of nobby homespuns, cheviots, cassimeres and serges. Single or double-breasted style. A choice of all the new effects in plaids, broken plaids, etc. The bargain of the season at \$7.50.

Men's Trousers for only \$1.75.

These trousers come in fancy worsteds, cassimeres and cheviots. French waist bands; patent buttons. Other stores ask \$2.00 and \$2.50 for like qualities—our price but \$1.75.

Boys' \$1 Knee Pants 50c.

Good wearing knee pants—made of sturdy materials. Just the thing for every day wear. In plain blue and fancy mixtures and cheviots. Patent waist bands. Seams are taped—good strong sewing that will not easily rip. Have sizes 4 to 16 years. Worth double, our price 50c.

SHOES—Russet and Patent Leather.

All the newest styles. Come in and see them and you will be pleased. All sizes and styles at low prices.

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S. M. ROSENBERG, Proprietor.

MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE.

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Trains Leave Middletown as Follows:  
North Bound—3:20, 7:45, 9:22 and 10:24 a. m.;  
1:54, 4:17 and 5:58 p. m.  
South Bound—3:20, 7:45, 9:22 and 10:24 a. m.;  
1:54, 4:17 and 5:58 p. m.  
Mails Close as Follows:  
Going North—7:20 a. m., 10:05 a. m., 3:50 p. m.,  
5:45 p. m. and 9 p. m.  
Going South—3:50 a. m., 4:15 p. m., and 9 p. m.  
For Odessa—7:50 a. m., 8:30 a. m., 11:30 a. m.,  
4:50 p. m.  
For Warwick, Cecilton and Earlville 9:30 a. m.  
and 4:45 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JUNE 16, 1904.

### Local News.

Removed to the middle room in the Opera House. JONES & BRADLEY.  
Sweet Potato plants, May 10th, ready to set.  
E. J. STEELE,  
Middletown, Del.  
Full line of Fresh Groceries at E. F. INGRAM'S.  
Fresh Bread, Rolls, Cinnamon Buns every day. JONES & BRADLEY.  
Dr. W. E. BARNARD, Surgeon Dentist, office Southeast corner of Main and Scott streets.

For SALE—One Soda Fountain complete, in good order. Address, Lock Box, No. 321.  
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Fresh Bread, Rolls, Cinnamon Buns every day. JONES & BRADLEY.  
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EGGS FOR SALE—Road Island Reds—fine vigorous stock and excellent layers, 75c per setting.  
C. P. COCHRAN, Middletown, Del.  
FOR SALE—Chestnut Fence Posts and Cord Wood. Apply to  
N. J. WILLIAMS,  
Middletown, Del.

Removed to the middle room in the Opera House. JONES & BRADLEY.  
We have hundreds of White Waists, sizes from 32 to 44. Prices from 29 cents to \$2.50.  
Mrs. G. W. PETERSON.

After June 1st the library will be open on Tuesday evening, instead of Tuesday afternoon.  
EGGS FOR HATCHING.—Pure bred S. C. White Leghorns, White Wyandottes and Barred Rocks, 15 for \$100; 100 for \$5.00.  
T. R. BRADSHAW,  
Evergreen Farm, Odessa, Del.

Deviled Crabs at JONES & BRADLEY.  
Summer Millinery Reduced. Trimmed Hats at half-price.  
Mrs. G. W. PETERSON.

Crab meat at JONES & BRADLEY.  
FOR SALE.—The property of the late Marcellus Jones on South Broad street. For particulars apply to  
J. R. HOFFMEYER,  
Middletown, Del.

We have just received a large assortment of Refrigerators and Ice Boxes. All styles and prices. Call and see our line before they are picked over.  
J. F. McWORTHER & SON.

FOR SALE—A 12 room house with all modern improvements. Southeast corner Green and Church Streets. Possession given March 25th, 1905. Apply to  
JOSIEA CLAYTON, Jr., Middletown, Del.

Double the value of your young roosters by having them caponized. E. S. JONES, Middletown, Del.

Indications point to a very large crop of early potatoes in this section of the county.

About 5,000 persons from fifteen states have attended College College.

To Monday 11,746,033 quarts of strawberries have been shipped over the Delaware road, against 12,497,377 this time last year.

Pretty Summer Dresses for Ladies and Children, all sizes, made in our factory, at moderate prices.  
Mrs. G. W. PETERSON.

"There is so much that is bad in the best of us and so much that is good in the worst of us that it does not behoove any of us to say anything about the rest of us"—Ex.

The swimming season has opened and drowning accidents are reported almost daily. The boys should remember that the boy who won't take a dare is the one that usually meets with an accident.

Mrs. Theodore V. Leonard will give a porch party in honor of the young ladies graduates of the Middletown High School and their lady friends at her home on Railroad Avenue, next Thursday, June 23d, from 9:30 A. M. to 12 M.

STRAYED.—A large yearling Holstein bull, with tag on left ear bearing the name of "G. B. W. Rhodes." Any information as to his whereabouts will be thankfully received by G. B. W. Rhodes or Alex. Maxwell, Middletown, Del.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending June 16th: Carrie Caraker, care—Caulie Wilson, Miss Fanny Henry, Lillie Miller, Miss Bell Redden, Bessie York Jones, Charles A. Banton, Frank Rhodes, John W. Teyars.

It is hoped by many citizens there that will be no use of the noisy and dangerous fireworks on the Fourth of July. The danger of a disastrous fire and the usual injury to human beings should cause the town officials to strictly enforce the ordinance prohibiting the use of fireworks in the town limits.

Charles Gladden who is in the employ of Mr. S. J. Brockton, at Blackbird, narrowly escaped instant death on Tuesday last. He was "harroving" and had stopped to clean his machine, when the horses became frightened and caught him in the harrow, and dragged him some distance when it struck a tree and he became dislodged. He escaped with a dislocated shoulder.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company began recently an inspection of the fruit conditions, orchards, vineyards, and gardens of the peninsula with a view to estimating upon the yield of this year, and arranging to handle with dispatch the immense crop expected from Delaware and Maryland because of the favorable fruit conditions. J. D. Remington, the special agent from the Pennsylvania's freight department, sent out through Delaware to make the estimate, reports that an immense yield is expected if conditions continue anything like as favorable as now. The peach trees, as a much larger number of which will be in bearing this year because of the spring in this industry three years ago, have now only to escape the "June drop" and some violent electrical storms.

While returning home from Townsend last Monday evening, Dr. D. W. Lewis was painfully injured. When near Old St. Anne's Church, his horse became frightened and the doctor and his driver were thrown out and the wheels passed over the former, bruising and cutting one of his limbs, but fortunately no bones were broken, although he is now compelled to use crutches. At this writing he is improving rapidly, and we hope to see him fully recovered in a few days.

Mr. C. E. Rose of Odessa, began work this week on the building for the new corn cannery to be erected on Railroad Avenue for the Hon. James B. Baker of Aberdeen, Md. The main building will be 90x40 feet with an "L" 24x30 feet, and a warehouse 100x30 feet. The main building will be a two-story frame, and the contractor expects to complete the work by July 15th. Two sleeping rooms will be erected for the employees, who will come here to work in the cannery from Baltimore, and the indications are that the new enterprise will have a most successful season.

The annual Children's Day of Blackbird Sunday School was held last Sunday evening in the presence of a very appreciative and large audience. A feature of the evening was the system by which things were conducted. There was no announcement made of any of the pieces. The program used as called "Children's Day Chantrelles." While the choir rendered a song called, "Children's Day," twelve girls ranging in age from six to fourteen, and wearing wreaths of daisies, represented the twelve hours of the day, headed by Miss F. E. Husbands, as "Children's Day," took their places on the platform.

M. H. S. COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES  
The Commencement Exercises of the Middletown High School were held last evening in the Middletown Opera House, and Prof. F. H. Green of the West Chester Normal School, addressed the graduating class, and the large audience was well pleased with his inspiring remarks. The graduating class numbering seven are: Grover Cleveland Bandler, Maude Hopkins Deakney, Harold Wrightson Dawson, Elizabeth May Kumpel, Emma Lena Kelley, Anna Lillian Solway and Jeannette Leslie Schreitz.

Following is the program of exercises: Music.....Rev. W. J. Wilkie. Invocation.....Rev. W. J. Wilkie. Music, chorus....."Welcome." Salutatory....."The Need of Trained Men," Grover Cleveland Bandler.

Quartette....."Tis Morn," Selected.  
Class Flower....."The Iris," Anna Lillian Solway.  
Essay....."Other People," Emma Lena Kelley.

Music, chorus....."Our Flag," Maude Hopkins Deakney.  
Presentation of Diplomas, G. D. Kelley, President of School Board.  
Quartette, "Dashing on B of the Gale," Address.....Prof. Francis H. Green, State Normal, West Chester.

Music, chorus....."Good Night," Benediction.....Rev. C. T. Wyatt.  
Music.....Orchestra.  
The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Dr. F. H. Moore, in the Presbyterian Church to-morrow evening.

Miss Ida Howell, the Principal of the Schools, will entertain the graduates and pupils of the High School on the large lawn of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Metten on Monday evening next, from 6 to 8 o'clock. This will prove a pleasant feature of the successful work and good feeling that has existed between the teacher and her pupils during the past school term.

CHURCH NOTES  
The Odd Fellows and Knights will attend divine service at Bethesda M. E. Church to-morrow morning. All who come may expect an interesting service and good music. The public is cordially invited.

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "Rising Above Discouragement." 2 Cor. 4:18. Leader, Miss Mary L. Adkins.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "What Paul teaches me about rising above discouragement." 2 Cor. 4:18. Leader, G. D. Kelley, Jr.

Rev. C. T. Wyatt, D. D., will preach in his pulpit to-morrow both morning and evening. His morning text will be "Behold the Man," and in the evening he will take for his text "Nothing But Leaves." The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

S. A. COLLINS MOVES TO TOWNSEND  
Mr. Sherbourne A. Collins, the undertaker, who succeeded the late J. Benjamin Krusen, and recently moved to the Catts Building on Main street opposite the National Bank, has decided to locate in Townsend where he thinks a more promising field is open for him. He is moving this week and has rented a building opposite the Hotel. Mr. Collins leaves with the best wishes of his Smyrna friends who wish him success in his new field of effort.—Smyrna Times

Troubled With Thieves  
Blackbird and vicinity are again troubled with thieves. Sunday evening an attempt was made to enter the home of Mr. James Fortner, at two o'clock in the morning. After being aroused, Mr. Fortner drove off the undesired guests by firing out the window. An attempt was made last week to remove the large iron grate from Mr. Watson, the local merchant's store window. They were frightened off before they accomplished any thing.

Reduced Rates to Chicago.  
For the benefit of those desiring to attend the Republican National Convention, to be held at Chicago, June 21 to 24, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell round-trip tickets to Chicago, from all stations on its lines, from June 16 to 20, inclusive, good returning, leaving Chicago not later than June 29, at rate of single fare for the round trip. For specific information concerning rates and time of trains, consult nearest ticket agent.

### PERSONALITIES

Miss Laura Petticoat has returned from Philadelphia.

Miss Kate Darlington is visiting her sister in Newark.

Miss Anna Gallagher was a Philadelphia visitor Monday.

Miss Bessie Anderson was in Philadelphia part of last week.

Mrs. Mitchell, of Wilmington, has been visiting Miss Laura Willis.

Miss Carrie Mayhew, of Milford, is the guest of Miss Jeannette Schreitz.

Miss May Shallos, of Trenton, N. J., is visiting the family of Richard Cochran.

Mrs. Clarence Scott and daughter, Miss Ada, visited Clayton relatives this week.

Miss Daisy Scott was the guest of friends and relatives in Dover last Sunday.

Miss Mary Lewis is on an extended visit with relatives and friends in Oxford, N. Y.

Miss Eugenie Baetan and Miss Mary Rothwell are spending a few days in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Woodbridge Patton and daughter Mildred, of Philadelphia, are visiting relatives here.

Misses Essie and Anna Greenan, of Philadelphia, are spending a month with Miss May Kumpel.

Miss Ethel Rowe has returned from Philadelphia where she has been spending several weeks.

Mrs. Nathaniel Williams and daughter, Miss Mary, will leave Monday for the coast of Maine.

Mrs. Cora Gallagher and son, of Dover, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Ginn over Sunday.

Miss Lottie Wright, of Wilmington, was entertained by Miss Minnie Adams the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Collins and son, of Wilmington, were guests of relatives in town during this week.

Mrs. Oscar T. Fenton and little daughter, of Hightstown, N. J., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Robert Bryan, near Mt. Pleasant.

Miss Edna M. Scott who has been employed in the millinery store of Miss Lily Scott, returned to her home near Philadelphia Tuesday.

Mr. George W. Allee left Monday night for Fawcette, N. C., where he has accepted a position as bookkeeper with Blades Lumber Company.

Mr. Oscar G. Goodhan of New York City, is spending several days with his wife and child who are visiting Mrs. Goodhan's mother, Mrs. Kate Naudain.

Father Charles P. McGoldrick, of Easton, Md., accompanied by Bishop Monaghan, of Wilmington, called on friends here on Wednesday.

Sydney Peverly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. V. Peverly, who has attended school at St. Luke's, Wayne Pa., is receiving the congratulations of his friends here on his success in winning the handsome Bronze Medal as the best all-around athlete. The medal is a handsome piece of art, and the young man is justly proud of its ownership.

Mr. Rosette McCrone, son of Mrs. Ida McCrone, has accepted an appointment as teacher in the Philippine Islands, and left Tuesday for San Francisco, where he will take the steamer Capricorn for the Philippines on June 23d. Mr. McCrone's numerous friends here wish him much success in Uncle Sam's new possession. He expects to be absent for three years.

CHILDREN'S DAY  
Last Sunday was Children's Day at Bethesda Methodist Episcopal Church, and large crowds were present at both the morning and evening services, and enjoyed one of the most interesting programs ever rendered here. The Church was artistically trimmed with potted plants and cut flowers, and the day was a bright one—just the kind to make all hearts glad and an ideal Children's Day. The little folks held forth in the morning and rendered the following program:

Singing by school.  
Repeating the 23d Psalm.  
Repeat the Lord's Prayer.  
Baptismal service.

Singing—"Jesus is the Children's Friend." Recitation by John Dickinson.  
Recitation by class of five girls.  
Recitation by Carl Jones.  
Singing—"Little Sunshine."  
Recitation by Nellie Pyle.  
Recitation by Lemont Jones.  
Recitation and singing by Daisy class.  
Recitation by Jennie Gallagher.  
Recitation and singing by class—"The Child Jesus."  
Recitation by Frank and Helen McWhorter.

Recitation by William Taylor Clark.  
Recitation and singing by Hannah Kirk and class of girls.  
Recitation Flag Song by class of boys.  
Recitation by Irene Reed.  
Recitation by class of four boys.  
Recitation by Jesse Shepherd.  
Motion Song by class of girls.  
Recitation by Timothy Hukill.  
Singing by school—"Two Mites."  
Address by the pastor.  
Benediction.

In the evening the large school assisted by the full orchestra, occupied the time, and the church was crowded to the doors, many being obliged to stand all the evening or go away. The program was a most excellent one and was well rendered throughout.

FARMERS' ATTENTION  
We are now prepared to fill all orders for High Grade Fertilizers for Spring Planting from our warehouse, Middletown, Del.

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Potatoes, per basket.....60c to 1.20

### OBITUARY

#### KILLED ON THE RAIL

Harry Stewart Cleaver, son of Mr. Julius Cleaver, of near town, was instantly killed at Yonkers, N. Y., yesterday morning by stepping from one track to another in front of an express train. Deceased was 20 years old, and had a large circle of friends here. His father left on the 1.55 train yesterday afternoon for Yonkers, and will have the remains brought here for interment.

#### HENRY C. DEVALINGER

After an illness of several weeks, Henry C. DeValinger, one of our most progressive and highly respected merchants, departed this life last Sunday morning at eight o'clock, aged 49 years. Mr. DeValinger had been critically ill for a long time, and although the attending physician did everything known to medical skill to restore him to health, his efforts were in vain. In the death of Mr. DeValinger Middletown loses one of its most progressive business men—one always ready to offer his assistance for a worthy cause, and his untimely death cast a gloom of sorrow over the entire community.

Mr. DeValinger was born in Chesapeake City, Md., November 10th, 1855, his parents being Francis and Martha DeValinger, who lived on a farm near Elkton, Md., and was well known throughout Cecil County. For the past nine years he has been engaged in the grocery business here and conducted a large business. He was twice married, his first wife being Miss Emma Bird, of Claymont, a sister of Mayor Bird, of Wilmington, who left two children at her death, Leon, a son in the grocery business with his father, and a daughter, Mrs. Lottie White, wife of William White, of Wilmington. His second wife was Miss Laura Emerson, of Wilmington, who with one son, Henry C. Jr., survives him. He was an active member of Bethesda M. E. Church, this town, and a member of the A. O. U. Workmen, the Hesperia and the Masons. The latter order had charge of the funeral. The remains were taken to Wilmington on Tuesday afternoon and interred in Riverview Cemetery. Services were held at his late residence at 10:30 o'clock A. M., Rev. C. T. Wyatt, assisted by Revs. F. H. Moore and W. J. Wilkie officiating. Rev. Asbury Burke, assisted by Rev. C. T. Wyatt, had charge of the services at the grave in Wilmington. The following members of Union Lodge, No. 5, A. F. and A. M., who acted as pall bearers, accompanied the remains to Wilmington: William Brockton, W. J. Barnett, T. E. Hurn, J. C. Parker, Isaac Taylor and J. A. Sydam.

#### SAMUEL TOWNSEND

Samuel Townsend, one of Townsend's best known citizens died at his home farm near town early Tuesday morning from an attack of peritonitis. Mr. Townsend was the oldest son of Samuel Townsend from whom our town took its name. He was reared in this locality and had spent most of his life here, though he lived for some years on a farm in Kent, County. He was sixty-nine years of age. Five children, three sons and two daughters survive, Samuel, John and Miss Mary Townsend of Philadelphia, and Howard Townsend and Mrs. Walter Gill, of Townsend. Funeral services were held at the home Thursday afternoon at two o'clock. Interment at Townsend Cemetery.

#### RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

WHEREAS, The great and supreme Ruler of the universe, has in his infinite wisdom removed from among us, our worthy and esteemed brother, Henry C. DeValinger, and

Resolved, That the sudden removal of such a life, which only such a short time ago was so full of activity, vigor and apparent health, leaves a vacancy and a shadow that is deeply realized by the members of Union Lodge, No. 6, A. O. U. W.,

Resolved, That with deep sympathy with the bereaved family of our deceased brother we express our hope that even so great a loss to you may be overruled for good by Him who doeth all things well,

Resolved, That our charter be draped in mourning for a period of sixty days,  
Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of this Lodge, a copy forwarded to the bereaved family and a copy furnished each of our local papers for publication.

JACOB H. EMERSON,  
O. M. MATTHEWS,  
S. EDWARD LEWIS,  
Committee.

#### CECILTON

Miss Anna O'Neill spent one day this week with Mrs. Daniel Jones.

Jerry Hayes, of Philadelphia, spent a few days with George Richards.

Miss Alice Davis, of Wilmington, is visiting her aunt, Miss Daisy Hoover.

Quite a number from here attended Dewey Park on Wednesday evening.

Artemus Messick, of Baltimore, was an over Sunday guest of William Taylor.

William Morris, of Wilmington, spent a few days with his father, John Morris.

Miss Mary Money, of Townsend, was over Sunday guest of Miss Mamie Pierce.

Miss Pauline Dushane, of Earlville, spent a few days with Mrs. Dollie Clayton.

Miss Elizabeth Lake, of Back Creek, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. John Taylor.

Miss Elizabeth Anderson is spending this week with Mrs. Royden Canik, of Sassafras.

Miss Myrtle Templeman has been spending the past week with Miss Alice Drake, of Sassafras.

A festival will be held in the new warehouse of John Manlove on Wednesday and Thursday June 23d and 24th. Benefit of S. S. Classes, No. 4, and No. 6. All are invited.

Miss Ethel Dulamell, of Earville, is entertaining the graduating class of '04 at a home party. Those present are Misses Frances G. Griffith, Mary J. Anderson, Edith Alderson and Arrie McCoy.

#### WARWICK

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D. B. Maloney visited Wilmington this week.

Miss Margaret Townsend visited Bear Station Sunday.

Charles Porter, of Kenton, visited friend in town Sunday.

Miss Mary Money visited Mamie Pierce, near Cecilton, last week.

Miss Lena Staats, of Middletown, spent Sunday with her parents.

G. M. Outten, of New York, spent Sunday with his family here.

Miss Martha Flinn, of Wilmington, is visiting Mrs. D. B. Maloney.

J. Raymond Walbert spent Sunday with his parents in Chesterstown.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Stradley visited relatives at Chesterstown last week.

Carter Townsend, of Philadelphia, is visiting his aunt, Mrs. H. S. Stradley.

Mrs. William Wright has returned home after visiting relatives in Kenton.

Mr. D. P. Hutchinson spent Sunday with Rev. F. F. Carpenter in Wilmington.

Howard Vandye visited his brother Horace Vandye, near Smyrna, this week.

Earl Schockley has returned home after spending sometime with Milton friends.

Frank Hutchinson has been visiting his uncle, Rev. F. F. Carpenter, in Wilmington.

Mrs. Maggie Lee, and daughter Ethel spent the week with Mrs. James Morris, near Smyrna.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Larmore, of Wilmington, have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Watts.

Miss Deva Whitlock returned to her home in Philadelphia on Monday, after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Van Horn.

Sherman Collins, of Smyrna, has rented Mrs. Mary Daniel's house on Railroad Avenue, and will shortly open up an undertaking and upholstering establishment in the Wilson store house.

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